

a fair scholar, very fond of reading stories, given to whispering and whittling, for which the ferule visited him, in one case even a Gunter's scale broke upon his palm. At 15 he went to Phillips Academy one year; and at 16 entered Harvard University. Among his classmates were Hon. B. R. Curtis, of U. S. Supreme Court, Hon. G. T. Bigelow, Chief Justice, Prof. Benjamin Pierce, Rev. James Freeman Clark, Rev. Samuel F. Smith, author of "My country, 'tis of thee," Hon. George T. Davis, etc.

He delivered several poems during his college course: One before "The Hasty Pudding Club"; one at an "Exhibition," on "Forgotten Ages." The "Class Room;" a poem at "Commencement."

They were, as he thinks, of moderate value and mild promise.

After graduating 1829, he studied law one year. There was a college periodical published that year called "The Collegian," of which six numbers were issued. To that he contributed numerous pieces, among them "Evening, by a Tailor," and "The Height of the Ridiculous."

He ranked well for scholarship and was one of the 16 chosen into the Phi Beta Kappa Society. After studying law one year he took up medicine exclusively, having Dr. James Jackson and his associates for instructors. With them he studied about two years and a half and then spent as much longer time in Europe, chiefly in Paris, meantime visiting other surrounding countries.

In 1836 Dr. Holmes took the degree of M. D. He was appointed Professor of Anatomy and Physiology in Dartmouth College in 1839, remaining there two years, then resigning to practice in Boston.

In 1840 he married Amelia Lee Jackson, daughter of of Hon. Charles Jackson, formerly judge of the Supreme Court of Mass. Dr. Holmes has three children, viz.: two sons and a daughter. Both sons are lawyers, and are married. He has one grandson.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., is a well-known writer on law and the profession of it. He was three years in the late war, and was breveted lieutenant colonel. He took part at Ball's Bluff, Antietam and Sharpsburgh, and was severely wounded. He has been for some years a judge of the Massachusetts supreme court.

Dr. Holmes has resided in Boston since 1836; first after marriage at No. 8 Montgomery Place for about 18 years; then at 164 Charles Street about a dozen years, and at 296 Beacon Street to the present time 15 years. His summer resorts have been at Pittsfield, Mass., from '49 to '56, and at Beverly Farms, etc.

He is vice-president of American Academy of Arts and Sciences, honorable member of American Philosophical Society, member of Massachusetts Historical Society.

He had the degree of LL. D. from Harvard, 1880; from Edinburgh afterwards, and D.C.L. from Oxford, England.